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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - AUGUST 11

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF SOVIET PRESS:

-- U.S. IS CRITICIZED FOR RECENT ANZUS MEETING. OTHER US COVERAGE IS LIGHT, NEGATIVE

-- PRAVDA FRONTPAGES ANNOUNCEMENT THAT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS APPROVED TTBT AND PNE AGREEMENTS AND SENT THEM TO SUPREME SOVIET PRESIDUM FOR RATIFICATION (KRASNAYA ZVEZDA DOES NOT CARRY). FEATURE ARMS CONTROL CONTRIBUTION OF THE DAY IS LONG PIECE BY MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR ISRAELYAN (WRITING AS DOCTOR OF HISTORICAL SCIENCES) IN PRAVDA, STANDARD EXCEPT IN RANK-ORDERING OF ARMS CONTROL PROJECTS SOVIETS FAVOR: WORLD NUF TREATY, SALT, CTB, NON-PROLIFERATION EFFORTS, MDW, ENMOD, CW, MILITARY BUDGETS, MBFR, WDC. WHILE NOTING SOVIETS FAVOR GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT, ISRAELYAN TWICE MAKES POINT THEY ARE ALSO FOR PARTIAL MEASURES;

-- KZ (BUT NOT PRAVDA) REPORTS ON NEUES DEUTSCHLAND COMMENTARY ON SOVIET MFA STATEMENT CONCERNING WEST BERLIN AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, INCLUDING STATEMENT THAT INCLUSION OF WEST BERLIN IN EC STATE-POLITICAL INTEGRATION "WILL, WITHOUT DOUBT, AFFECT ITS STATUS."

-- PRAVDA AND KZ HAVE STRAIGHTFORWARD REPORTS FROM ATHENS AND ANKARA ON ISSUE OF TURKISH RESEARCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VESSEL "SISMIK" AEGEAN SEA TRIP. KZ TACKS ON TASS BRUSSELS COMMENT ON NATO LEADERSHIP CONCERN OVER GREEK-TURKISH QUARRLE.

-- KZ PRINTS BRIEF PAGE ONE NOTICE OF VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA OF SOVIET CIC NAVAL FORCES FLEET ADMIRAL GORSKHOV IN "SECOND HALF OF AUGUST."

-- LEBANESE COVERAGE IN PRAVDA AND KZ DESCRIBES CONTINUED MILITARY ACTION OF RIGHTIST-CHRISTIAN FORCES AND CITES "PROGRESSIVE" LEBANESE PRESS ON CHARGE THAT ISRAELI MILITARISTS BLEW UP FREIGHTER WHICH HAD DELIVERED RATIONS FOR NATIONAL-PATRIOTIC FORCES AT PORT OF TYRE. COVERAGE ALSO DESCRIBES BLOCADE OF LEBANESE COAST BY ISRAELI NAVAL SHIPS.

-- PRAVDA REPORTS AUG 10 DEPARTURE OF PDRY POLITICAL PARTY LEADER ABDAL FATTAH ISMAIL.

-- KZ CARRIES TASS NY ITEM CITING AP ON ISRAELI CONSTRUCTION OF "GARBIEL" MISSILE ARMED "RESHEF" PATROL BOATS FOR SOUTH AFRICA. TASS ITEM IS FOLLOWED BY V. VINOGRADOV COMMENTARY WHICH DETAILS FURTHER ISRAELI-SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY COOPERATION.

-- KZ HAS TASS LONDON ARTICLE CITING "FINANCIAL TIMES" ON BRITISH SALE OF ARMS TO IRAN IN EXCHANGE FOR OIL. ARTICLE ALSO DESCRIBES U.S. AGREEMENT SELL IRAN "10-15 BILLION" IN ARMS BY 1980 AS ANNOUNCED AT SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN TEHRAN.

-- PRAVDA CARRIES TASS LIMA REPORT ON PERUVIAN TU CONFERENCE. CONFERENCE REPORTEDLY CRITICIZED ROLE OF "IMPERIALIST, MAINLY AMERICAN, MONOPOLIES" IN PERU, BUT WENT ON TO CRITICIZE RECENT MEASURES OF PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY DECISIONS ON TRANSFER OF FISHING VESSELS TO PRIVATE HANDS AND TEMPORARY PORHIBITION OF STRIKES.

-- PRAVDA "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY V. BOLSHAKOV IS DEVOTED TO CRITICIZING OF POLICY DECISIONS AT RECENT ANZUS SESSION IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CANBERRA. "DRUMMERS OF COLD WAR" ARE TRYING TO USE IMAGINARY "SOVIET THREAT" TO JUSTIFY THEIR ACTIONS, WRITES BOLSHAKOV, ADDING THAT IT IS NO SECRET THESE MOVES HAVE COME IMMEDIATELY AFTER ACCESSION TO POWER OF CONSERVATIVE PARTIES TRADITIONALLY LINKED TO "PENTAGON, MONOPOLIES AND RIGHTIST FORCES" IN U.S. ARTICLE SINGLES OUT DIEGO GARCIA AS DOES ADJACENT TASS COLOMBO ARTICLE WHICH CITES SRI LANKA PM BANDARANAIIKA ON INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE PROPOSAL.

2. OTHER U.S. COVERAGE IS ON BALANCE NEGATIVE

-- PRAVDA AND KZ CARRY TASS WASHINGTON ACCOUNT OF PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONGERENCE. PRESIDENT IS QUOTED AS "NOT EXCLUDING" CHANCE OF CONCLUDING SALT AGREEMENT THIS YEAR AND ADMITTING THAT U.S. HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO SOVIET PROPOSALS OF LAST MARCH. PRESIDENT

IS DESCRIBED AS EMPHASIZING PRIORITY HE WILL ASSIGN TO DISARMEMENT
ISSUES IF RE-ELECTED. HE IS ALSO CITED ON HIS INTENTION TO
STRENGTHEN NATO AND TO DEAL WITH QUESTION OF BROAD SOLUTION TO
PROBLEMS OF ME;

-- PRAVDA HAS TASS WASHINGTON ARTICLE ON CONGRESHUONAL
APPROVAL OF DRAFT PENTAGON 1977 BUDGET. ARTICLE MENTIONED UNDERTAIN
FATE OF B-1 IN COMPROMISE COMMITTEE. ON SAME PAGE PRAVDA HAS
CARTOON CONTRASTING ASCENDING U.S. MILITARY EXPENDITURES WITH
DESCENDING SOCIAL ONES;

-- PRAVDA PICKS UP GHANIAN "PEOPLE'S EVENING NEWS" ARTICLE
ON U.S. PLANS TO CONSTRUCT SOUTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION,
SATO, CONSISTING OF SOUTH AFRICA, CHILE, PARAGUAY AND OTHER COUNTRIES
OF LATIN AMERICA.

-- FINALLY, MOVING FROM THE RIDICULOUS TO THE SUBLIME, THIS
WEEK'S "WHO'S AGAINST HELSINKI"? FEATURE IS LITGAZ AUG 11 IS
GRIMACING ATTACK ON REPRESENTATIVE FENWICK AND WASHINGTON STAR-NEWS
CORRESPONDENT HENRY BRADSHER IN CONNECTION WITH CSCE MONITORING
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